

REMARKS

Claims 1-60 are pending in this application. In response to the Examiner's Restriction Requirement set forth in the March 23, 2005 Office Action, Applicants provisionally elect for prosecution with traverse, Group I, claims 1-30 and 60, drawn to a method of fabricating a semiconductor device.

As set forth in M.P.E.P. § 803, if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though the application contains claims to independent or distinct inventions.

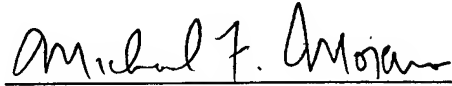
While the method of the claims of Group I and the system of the claims of Group II may be distinct for the reasons set forth by the Examiner, it is respectfully submitted that simultaneous examination will not present an undue burden, much less any burden.

Under such circumstances, the Examiner is encouraged to maintain all claims in the same application.

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An early and favorable consideration of this application is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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